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SUBJECT : SAUDI HELP TO UAE SECURITY FORCES

1. DURING CALL ON ME BY SAUDI AMBASSADOR KHAYYAL JULY 20, I ASKED HIM HOW SAUDI MISSION TO HELP STRENGTHEN AND CENTRALIZE UAE'S CONTROL OVER IMMIGRATION WAS GOING. HE SAID IT WAS PROCEEDING, BUT NOT WITHOUT SOME PROBLEMS. IDEA WAS TO SET UP OFFICES IN EVERY PORT OF ENTRY (INCLUDING AIRPORTS) WHICH WOULD BE UNDER FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. BUT SHAIKH RASHED WAS NOW TAKING LINE THAT THESE OFFICES UNDER MINISTRY WHICH HE DESCRIBES AS CONTROLLED BY ABU DHABIANS MIGHT BE "MISUSED" IN MANNER PREJUDICIAL TO HIS INTERESTS. HE HAS THEREFORE COME UP WITH PROPOSAL THAT SAUDIS STATION AT LEAST ONE MAN IN EACH OF THESE OFFICES ON PERMANENT BASIS, WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT MEAN SAUDIS WOULD BE RUNNING UAE'S IMMIGRATION SYSTEM. KHAYYAL SAID IN WHAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE UNDERSTATEMENT THAT THIS WOULD POSE "PROBLEMS" FOR SAG.

2. SAUDIS PRESENTLY HAVE FOUR EXPERTS HERE TRYING TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS FRONT. MUCH OF THEIR ACTIVITY
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THIS SUMMER WILL BE DEVOTED TO TAKING INVENTORY OF

MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN EACH OF EMIRATES. THEY WILL THEN MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW ALL OF THIS CAN BE BROUGHT UNDER CENTRAL CONTROL, EQUIPMENT STANDARDIZED, ETC.

3. COMMENT: SHAIKH RASHED'S DEEP SUSPICION OF ABU DHABI INTENTIONS OBVIOUSLY CONTINUES. SAUDIS ARE BEST POSSIBLE PEOPLE TO BRING RASHED ALONG, BUT EVEN WITH THEIR BEST EFFORTS, PROGRESS TOWARD SENSIBLE OBJECTIVE OF CENTRALIZED IMMIGRATION SYSTEM AND ENFORCEMENT IS LIKELY TO BE SLOW.
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